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COVID testing resumes in Mysuru after 4 days

Doctors, healthcare workers return to work; people line up to give throat swab samples

District Vector Borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidambara seen supervising COVID testing process at Town Hall premises in city this morning.

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (RK, DM & BCT)- In a major relief to Mysuru District that is combating the rising cases of COVID-19 contagion and the resultant deaths, hundreds of Government doctors and allied health personnel resumed work this morning after four days.

They restarted the healthcare machinery and testing process that had come to a grinding halt following the suicide of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer Dr. S.R. Nagendra last Thursday.

The suicide of Dr. Nagendra over the alleged harassment meted out to him by the official machinery, especially from the Zilla Panchayat CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra (now transferred without positing) was the trigger of the protest by Government doctors and allied healthcare workers.

Mishra had purportedly given targets to ramp up COVID tests in Nanjangud that was one of the early virus clusters with scores of employees of a pharmaceutical company testing positive. Following the call by Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA) to withdraw their protest yesterday, doctors and healthcare workers returned to work this morning.

The strike has been conditionally withdrawn and doctors wore black armbands as a mark of protest till the inquiry report against Prashanth Kumar Mishra was submitted.

Doctors resuming work has come as a major relief to the State Government since the strike had affected healthcare services, especially COVID-19 testing across Mysuru District.

Despite Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's assurance of an impartial probe, doctors had continued their strike, bringing COVID-19 testing to a complete halt. With no testing, the number of cases from Mysuru showed 'zero' in the State bulletin since Friday. Only last evening, the Mysuru's update showed 92 positive cases.

This morning, COVID testing process began at Town Hall and at Quba Public School, said Dr. Chidambara, District Vector Borne Diseases Control Officer. Gradually, the testing process will pick up pace at other parts of the District and city, he added.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	92
Total positive cases	:	12,396
Discharges yesterday	:	0
Total discharges	:	7,302
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	320
Total active cases	:	4,774

SCHEVARAN
VIROFF
RANGE OF SANITIZERS AND HANDWASH
BREAK THE COVID-19 CHAIN

Over 23,000 candidates appear for KPSC exam in city

Mysuru, Aug.24 (MTY&DM)- Mysuru witnessed an unprecedented number of youths rushing to exam centres to be on time as the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) went ahead with the conduct of preliminary exam for Gazetted Probationers' posts for the year 2017-18 today. The exams were conducted despite opposition from some quarters over the conduct of the exam amid COVID-19 pandemic.

The KPSC had received a whopping 1,65,000 applications from across the State for 106 Group A and B Gazetted Probationers' posts (KAS). The KPSC, which had earlier scheduled the exam on May 17, 2020, had postponed it due to rampant spread of virus.

The exam was conducted at 52 centres across the city and at an exclusive one for COVID-19 positive candidates at KSOU'S Academic Bhavan at Mandakalli in the outskirts of the city. Other than Mysuru, the exam was also held at the State Capital Bengaluru and eight other District Headquarters of the State namely Belagavi, Ballari, Davanagere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Raichur and Shivamogga.

In Mysuru, a total of 23,043 candidates had registered for the exam at 52 centres. In view of COVID-19 pandemic, all the centres were sanitised ahead of the exam.

(See KPSC EXAM on page 7)

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STAR PUNCH
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 24th August 2020

GSSSIETW recognised as part of Top 50 ARIIA Rankings

Mysuru, Aug. 24- The Ministry of Education, Government of India, has initiated 'Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)' to systematically rank education institutions and Universities primarily on innovation related indicators. ARIIA considers all major indicators which are commonly used to rank most innovative education institutions/ Universities in India.

GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has been recognised to be part of Top 50 ARIIA Rankings in Band B for Private or Self-Financed College/ Institutes declared by MHRD Innovation Cell, on Aug.18, 2020.

The scores obtained by GSSSIETW for Innovation, Entrepreneurship among students and faculties & Teaching and Learning on Innovation / IPR / Entrepreneurship indicate good ranking.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal of the Institute, said "It is an honour for a self-financing Engineering Institution to be one among the Top 50 Rankings". GSSSIETW is associated with 10 start-up companies and entrepreneurs for submitting innovative ideas that will be turned out as real time prototype models with the financial assistance from Ministry of MSME, supported by Technology Business Incubator Cell of GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) has secured 4 Star Rating from MHRD Innovation Cell in 2019. An active Entrepreneurship Development Cell exists and offers "Open Learning Programme in Entrepreneurship", in association with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), for students to turn out as entrepreneurs. The EDC cell regularly organises various Entrepreneurship Awareness Camps with the support of DST to increase the confidence level of students and improve their entrepreneurial skill set.

Antarprerana 2019- B-Plan Idea competition has been conducted and around 21 students' batches from all branches of engineering presented their ideas.

During Smart India Hackathon 2019, 22 students' ideas from 17 teams have been submitted. The IPR Cell has organised various seminars and workshops for the benefit of Faculty and students.

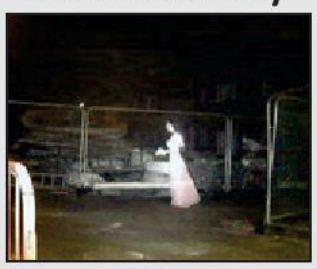
Institution Innovation Council (IIC) Coordinators and Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) Coordinator Dr. P. Raviraj, Professor, CSE, Dr. S. Padmashree, Professor, ECE and Dr. J. Jayanth, Associate Professor, ECE coordinated for the ARIIA Ranking Process.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Prime Minister Modi has paid rich tributes to M.S. Dhoni holding him up as someone who epitomises the 'spirit of New India.' He is by no means the only one to have described the contributions of India's ex-skipper in glowing terms. There is something about Dhoni that compels analysis, for he represents something that we haven't quite seen the likes of before. In the evening of his career, he has faced his share of doubters. He has single-handedly destroyed more fingernails in this country with his patented will-he-able-to-pull-it-off-yet-again act of leaving things till the very last over, till he launches his final assault. Through his career, he has made the impossible feel routine, although in the last few years, while he may still have retained confidence in himself, fans needed to pray a lot more often when he was at the crease. At one level, Dhoni is not alone as we witness a swelling of self-belief and creativity in non-metro corners of India. He is part of a larger social churn that we are in the midst of. At another, he is utterly singular. The most remarkable thing about him is that he refuses to represent so much of what is otherwise an overwhelming contemporary reality. That is what really sets him apart. To be not a sign of the times. — *Santosh Desai in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Ghost bride stalks building site, shocks security



Birmingham: A security firm boss has said he was left 'petrified' after claiming to have spotted a 'ghost' woman in a white bride dress stalking a building site.

The eerie image baffled security bosses at the site on Sherborne Street after the 'movement' triggered motion cameras in the early hours of Tuesday, Aug. 18.

The vision is claimed to have been picked up by CCTV in the dead of night - but when security performed a full patrol of the area just minutes later they found it all clear.

The security boss at the site said he struggled to go back to sleep as he was so creeped out by the apparition of the woman, who appears to be wearing a dress and carrying an object as she walks through the site in the city's centre.

Zombie horror show to 'unwind' pandemic stress

Tokyo: Those finding the pandemic too much have been offered the chance to unwind – by lying down in a coffin surrounded by chainsaw-wielding zombies.

Thrill-seekers can spend 15 minutes being scared for a while.

The new form of Covid-safe 'entertainment' takes self isolation to higher levels and sees participants lie in a two-metre windowed coffin, listening to a horror story. As they relax in the unusual surroundings, actors masquerading as the undead perform around them, poking them with fake hands and squirting them with water.

'The pandemic is stressful, and we hope people can get a bit of relief by having a good scream,' said Kenta Iwana, coordinator of production company Kowagarasetai aka 'Scare Squad'.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the "Lazarus Phenomenon"?

A recent survey revealed that half of all emergency room doctors have witnessed the "Lazarus Phenomenon," where a patient's heart resumed beating on its own after doctors had given up.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveils

8th Edition of 'Brides of India' Campaign

Mysuru, Aug. 24- An Indian wedding is the biggest occasion to celebrate, which is often extended to days. Families and guests are treated to lots of customary rituals, emotional moments and extravagant experiences but this year the world has adapted to new normal which has no extravagance, no crowded gathering etc., keeping the ceremony as short as possible with the minimal number.

Taking this situation forward in a positive way, Malabar Gold and Diamonds is setting a trend for today's bride.

While taking the "#MyBigDay" message forward, the 8th season of Brides of India Campaign has launched awe-inspiring jewellery collections inspired by the elegance of the brides.

Customers can also avail the advance booking facility by paying minimum 10% of the price upfront for jewellery. This will protect customers from the galloping gold prices. By availing this offer, customers can either buy gold at the price at which they booked the gold or at the prevailing market price at the time of purchase, whichever is lower.

All the stores are operating while abiding by the mandated protocols and elaborate precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of customers and staff. Inside all the stores, the guidelines for the customers are highlighted prominently with proper signages which urge customers to sanitise hands at the entrance, wear a mask, get body temperature checked and maintain social distancing.

"As the country is gradually coming back to normal from the pandemic impact, our carefully designed 8th Brides of India Campaign will set the tone for the bridal season and encourage the brides to experiment with their looks and add the element of effortless grandeur to their ensemble. The Brides of India Campaign has already differentiated itself with its distinctive bridal jewellery narrative. This year, it will definitely scale new height of popularity," said MP Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group.

Really...?

- ***Ghost crabs growl using teeth in their stomachs.***
- ***World's oldest known breed of domesticated dog dates back to 329 BC.***
- ***The oldest evidence of domesticated cats dates back 9,500 years.***
- ***Puffins use twigs to scratch their bodies.***
- ***Bottlenose dolphins are even more right-handed than humans.***
- ***Capuchin monkeys wash their hands and feet in urine.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A young girl acquired a puppy. She went to the bazaar to buy a metal saucer to keep drinking water for her pet. *"If it is for your dog,"* ***said the obliging shopkeeper,*** *"I can have its name put on it free of charge; so that no one else uses it." "Not to bother,"* ***replied the girl.*** *"My puppy can't read English & Papa doesn't drink water."*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.01
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.27

VOICE OF THE READER

Rash driving: A cause of concern for Vishwamanava Double Road residents

Sir,

The residents of Vishwamanava Double Road, especially between Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji Circle and Gadadhara Circle, are a worried lot. The road widening that was taken up recently has turned out to be a bane rather than a boon for the locality.

All thanks to rash and negligent driving, residents, who venture out for morning and evening walks, are in constant fear of being hit by speeding vehicles. This apart, constant movement of vehicles with unnecessary blaring of horns throughout the day is also a cause of worry. Residents are forced to have disturbed sleep with most of the vehicles, especially high-end motorbikes, ridden at a high speed.

There is an immediate need for the authorities concerned to initiate measures to put a brake to rash driving on the Double Road before it causes a major damage. The locality is also surrounded by educational institutions and hospitals and with a few irresponsible citizens indulging in such acts, it only creates problems for both students as well as patients.

I would suggest the City Traffic Police to declare the stretch between Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji Circle and Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle as 'Silent Zone' and install speed breakers or barricades to avoid noise pollution and accidents.

— **Rajat Agarwal**
Mysuru 14.8.2020

Mysuru girl secures M.D. in Radiodiagnosis from Maulana Azad Medical College

Mysuru, Aug. 24 - Dr. Chovanda Sneha Harish of Mysuru has secured M.D. in Radiodiagnosis from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.

Sneha did her schooling up to 10th standard at Nirmala Convent School in Gokulam. She cleared SSLC exam in 2008, securing 95.68 percent. She joined Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College, JC Road, Bengaluru, for her PU education and passed 2nd PUC by securing 94.83 percent in 2010.

After securing 524th rank in the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (K-CET) for Medicine, Sneha joined Mandya Institute

Dr. Sneha Harish

of Medical Sciences in 2010. On clearing her 4th year of MBBS in 2014 Sneha finished her one year of internship from the same institute in 2016.

Sneha secured 113th rank in the AIIMS entrance exam and joined as a Post-Graduate resident in the Department of Pathology. Later she discontinued her studies in AIIMS as she secured 12th rank in NEET-PG exam which is an all India entrance test for Post-Graduation courses and joined Maulana Azad Medical College for specialisation in Radiodiagnosis (M.D) and completed the course in July 2020.

She is the daughter of Chovanda Harish and late Leela Harish (Ajjamada). Hailing from Maggula village in Virajpet, Kodagu, the family presently resides at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

New team of Inner Wheel North

The new team of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore North 2020-21 was installed in city recently. Seen in the picture are Club President Nandini Prabhu, Vice-President Sharanya Chouta, Secretary Vimala Murthy, Treasurer Geetha Prasad, Joint Secretary M.S. Nagarathna, ISO Shantha Krishna, Immediate Past President Veda Jagadeesh, CC Chairman Sudha Mallesh, EC Members PDC Rajeswari Gouda, Uma Basavaraj, Nagarathna Prabhu and Installing Officer PDC Suma Krishna.

National-level webinar on "Holistic Wellness - A New Normal" on Aug. 27

Anu Krishna

Mysuru, Aug. 24- The Department of Business Administration, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous), Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a National-level webinar, entitled "Holistic Wellness - A New Normal" on Aug. 27 (Thursday) at 11 am. The webinar focuses on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness of an individual.

Anu Krishna, Co-founder of Unfear Changemakers LLP and Soulful Exploration LLP, Bengaluru, will be the resource person addressing the diverse issues of 'Holistic Wellness' at the critical juncture of COVID -19 pandemic. The webinar will be live on Google Meet at 11 am.

An NLP Intervention Strategist (National Federation of Neuro Linguistic Programming, NFNLP, USA), Diploma holder in Art Therapy (CPD) and Law of Attraction Practitioner (Global Sciences Foundation), Mind Coach, Zen Lifestyle Expert and an Inspirational speaker, Anu Krishna is a recipient of Shikshaka Ratna Award.

Interested may register by using the link *https://rb.gy/akapci*. For details contact N. Sunil on Mob: 99001-48051, according to a press release from S. Shyla, HoD, BBA, Mahajana First Grade College.

Awareness campaign, Seminar, Award Presentation

Mysuru, Aug. 24- Akhila Karnataka Sri Shivasharana Madara Channaiah Vichara Vedike and Lions Club of Bangalore Sandalwood Celebrities have jointly organised awareness campaign on 'Containing the spread of Coronavirus' at select 42 Wards in the city from Aug.24 to 28. Also, a Seminar on 'Effects of Coronavirus and future challenges' and 'Corona Warriors Seva Sindhu Award' presentation ceremony has been organised at Aradhya Mahasabha Bhavan on JLB Road in Chamundipuram on Aug. 31.

For details, contact Mob: 88674-16122 or 99015-14458.

Ph.D awardee

Mysuru, Aug. 24- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Electronics to **Santhy P. Kuruvilla** for her thesis 'A Novel Approach for Assessment of Pollution Performance of Glass Fibre Epoxy Nanocomposites for High Voltage Insulation' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.M. Renukappa.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Fumigation Chamber at ORI

Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University of Mysore (UoM), in association with the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology and Department of Sanskrit, Maharaja's College, has organised a programme at its premises on Aug. 25 at 11.30 am for the inauguration of Fumigation Chamber and World Environment Day celebrations. Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, VC, UoM, will inaugurate. Dr. Subbaraman, former Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Government of India and former Director, INTACH, Bengaluru, will be the guest of honour. Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, UoM, will be the chief guest. Prof. Anita Braggs, Principal, Maharaja's College, will be present.

National Webinar

National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysuru Chapter and MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Mysuru, have organised a National-level Webinar on 'HR & Business Challenges amid COVID-19' on Aug. 28 at 2.30 pm through Google Meet (https://forms.gle/Azz68w4qZYDMjsR29). Dr. N. Muthukumar, President & Executive Director, Meritor HVS (India) Limited, Mysuru and Immediate Past Chairman, CII Karnataka & Past Chairman, CII Mysuru, will be the speaker. Dr. K. Anantha Gowda, former Director - HR, Jubilant Generics Ltd., Nanjangud and Past Chairman, NIPM, Mysuru Chapter & Past NC Member, Southern Region, NIPM, will be the moderator. All Business Heads, HR Professionals and Academicians may make use of the Webinar. There is no registration fee. For details, contact Coordinator M. Shivabeerappa on Mob: 99168-92646 or NIPM-Mysuru Chapter Hon. Secretary B.M. Goutham on Mob: 95914-08211.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.65 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	4,381 cusecs
Outflow	5,318 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.89 ft
Inflow	2,248 cusecs
Outflow	2,125 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.23 ft
Inflow	1,002 cusecs
Outflow	1,133 cusecs

Flower vendors not for shifting business to J.K. Grounds during festivals

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (PM&SV)- Temporary shifting of flower business to the sprawling J.K. Grounds in the city in connection with the recent Gowri-Ganesha festival due to COVID-19 is said to have caused a huge loss to the vendors for want of customers.

The vendors claimed that their hopes of earning a little during the festival were dashed due to lack of footfall to the changed venue.

The vendors had spent from their pockets on creating facilities as the authorities of Mysore City Corporation (MCC) did not do anything except providing the space.

The MCC had shifted the flower market from the century-old Devaraja Market to J.K. Grounds from Aug. 19 to 22 to avoid rush of people during the festival.

A similar arrangement had been made during Varamahalakshmi festival held last month.

The wholesale and retail flower vendors told *Star of Mysore* that the business was not up to their expectation during the Gowri and Ganesha festival.

N. Manjunath, a retail flower vendor at Devaraja Market, said they suffered loss for the second time in a row. First it was during the Varamahalakshmi festival and now it was during Gowri-Ganesha.

"We had spent money on pandal, lighting and other facilities with hopes of good business. Besides, we had arranged for water tankers for the sake of customers. Contrary to our expectations, the business was not even 50 percent," he added.

Around Rs. one lakh was spent to put up the pandal for the make-shift shops on the ground for three days. Even they had kept the rate of flowers very low in tune with current situation. But still the business was less than 50 percent. The leftover flowers were disposed as wet waste, said Narendra Kumar, a flower vendor.

Another vendor, Manjunath said all the flower vendors of Devaraja Market have decided not to shift their business to J.K. Grounds in the coming days and the MCC should not put pressure on them in this regard. With no basic facility like toilets who will come to J.K. Grounds to buy flowers, he asked.

Fearing Corona, many residents bought the flowers from their locality or from the mobile vendors. So, naturally the footfall to the J.K. Grounds was less.

Hitherto, people were coming to Devaraja Market — a one stop, during festivals not only to buy flowers but also fruits, vegetables and puja materials. Since the flower market was shifted to the new location, many of them did not turn up.

The flower market was shifted from the century-old Devaraja Market to J.K. Grounds from Aug. 19 to 22 to avoid rush of people during the festival.

President of Tenants Association of Devaraja Market S. Mahadev stated that flower merchants have now decided not to shift their businesses during the next festival season and has urged the District Administration to make proper arrangements in Devaraja Flower Market itself.

"I would advise them to deploy Police personnel and health officials at the Devaraja Flower Market during the next festival season to control the crowd. Based on our experience during the last two festival seasons, we are not ready to shift to the new venue as sales were dull and we have incurred huge losses this time," he added.

Obituary

M. Shetty

Mysuru, Aug. 24- M. Shetty (57), Proprietor of Ravikiran Enterprises at Banumaiah Chowk and President of Sadhu Shetty 24 Mane Telugu Shetty Sangha, passed away yesterday night at a private hospital in city.

A resident of Bajjanna Lane at Chamarajapuram, he leaves behind his wife, a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Madarahalli in Kanakapura taluk this morning.

Siddappaji

Siddappaji (48), a civil contractor and a resident of Vivekanandanagar here, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar.

N. Ravikumar

Hunsur: N. Ravikumar (35), a Police Constable attached to Hunsur Town Police Station and a resident of Kalkunike, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed yesterday night.

C. Chennamma

C. Chennamma (95), wife of former Town Municipal Council member and a Congress leader late H.D. Narasaiah, passed away on Saturday.

A resident of Kalkunike in Hunsur, she leaves behind eight children including former Director of Tobacco Board B.N. Jayaram and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm on Sunday.

H.K. Ashok Kumar

H.K. Ashok Kumar (72), President of Vasavamba Co-Operative Society and a resident of Maruthi Layout, passed away on Saturday evening.

He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday.

K.B. Lingaraju

Nanjangud: K.B. Lingaraju (62), President of Kurahatti Milk Producers' Co-Operative Society, passed away on Friday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farmland on Friday night, according to family sources.

Youth commits suicide at Vontikoppal

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (RK&KS)- A debt-ridden youth has committed suicide by hanging self at his residence in Vontikoppal yesterday afternoon. The deceased is Dinesh (26), who was running a photocopy shop at Vontikoppal.

It is learnt that the deceased had taken loans and following COVID-19 lockdown, he was unable to repay the loans. Depressed over mounting loans, Dinesh is said to have taken the extreme step.

V.V. Puram Inspector Arun and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem which was conducted today and the body was handed over to the family members. V.V. Puram Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Digging work inside
Devaraja Market irks traders

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (MK&BCT)- Pit digging work inside the century-old Devaraja Market at a time when it is still not decided whether to demolish the structure and construct a new heritage-like structure or to retain the Market in as-is where-is condition has irked the vendors and traders. They have said that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has dug up a part of the Market without any information and this has caused inconvenience to traders and has risked their safety.

The traders at the Market said that the MCC had dug up select places inside the Market a couple of times and have not informed about this to the traders who do business there day in and day out. "Pits were dug at four places earlier and when we questioned, the MCC officials told us that they were testing the soil. The results of the soil test have however, not been conveyed to us," said Devaraja Market Traders Association President S. Mahadev.

The vendors said that the MCC's move to dig pits would further weaken the walls and would lead to its collapse. The 4 ft wide 8 ft deep pits have been dug at three to four places near the walls and there is a danger of vendors and shoppers falling into them if they go unnoticed. "Due to rain, the pits were full of water just days before the Ganesha festival and due to our opposition, the pits were closed. It was impossible to move in certain places inside the Market due to open pits," he added.

Vendors alleged that by digging pits, the MCC is showing an autocratic attitude at a time when the vendors have approached the Court of law against the demolition. "As per the protocol, the MCC should have informed about the digging of pits. Also, there is no information about the soil test conducted after digging the pits. We will write to Deputy Commissioner and MCC Commissioner seeking clarity on the issues," said Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, who is a Member, Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage).

Clarifying on the issue, MCC Zone 6 Development Officer Manjunath said that as per the directions from the Government, pits were dug to collect mud for Soil Bearing Capacity. "We have sent the mud sample to National Institute of Engineering (NIE) and the report is awaited soon. Earlier too, the mud was collected and aspects like the density of the mud and underground water level were examined," he added.

Candle light homage paid to Medical Corona Warriors

Mysuru, Aug.24 (MK&DM)- The Mysuru Chapter of Indian Medical Association(IMA), in association with Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA) paid candle light homage to medical staff, who passed away while on COVID-19 duty, near the District Health Officer's Office in Nazarbad here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, IMA Mysuru Chapter President Dr. Suresh Rudrappa expressed concern over the increasing pressure on doctors and other medical staff following the spread of COVID-19. Appealing the authorities not to exert pressure on medical fraternity who are in the forefront in the battle against the deadly pandemic, he said that the Government must provide adequate medical equipment and staff for a more effective handling of the crisis.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portraits of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr.S.R. Nagendra, Jayapura Community Health Centre Medical Officer Dr. Chandrakumar, Periyapatna Health Officer Dr. Nagesh and Lab Technician Abdul Hameed who passed away recently while on COVID-19 duty.

IMA Mysuru Chapter Secretary Dr. Chandrabhan Singh, Dr. Mahesh,Dr. Somasundar, Dr. Suresh and others were present.

Former MLA opposes shifting
of Sangolli Rayanna Statue at Belagavi
Warns of staging demonstration in front of DC office on Aug. 26

Mysuru, Aug.24 (RKB&DM)- Strongly opposing the efforts to shift freedom fighter Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna's statue being installed at Peeranawadi in Belagavi district, former K.R. MLA M.K. Somashekar has warned of staging a massive demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Aug. 26 if the Government went ahead with the move.

Addressing a preliminary meeting in this regard at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddharthanagar here yesterday, Somashekar maintained that Sangolli Rayanna, who was a revolutionary freedom fighter belongs not just to Belagavi but to the entire State. Alleging that the Belagavi district administration has taken an inappropriate decision on shifting Sangolli Rayanna's statue at Peeranawadi, he warned of staging a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Aug. 26.

Asserting that Sangolli Rayanna, who was a terror to the Britishers, is a great inspiration for the younger generation of today, he said that Sangolli Rayanna fans association had got permission from the Government for installation of his statue at Peeranawadi. But the district administration, apparently bowing to the pressure of Marathi groups, has shifted the Statue under Police protection. As such, it has been decided to launch a struggle against the shifting of the Statue, Somashekar said.

Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha Working President B. Subramanya, who also addressed the meeting, condemned the Police atrocities against Sangolli Rayanna fans.

Sangha Vice-President Rekha Priyadarshini, Directors J. Gopi, Abhilash, R. Nagaraju, ZP member Beerihundi Basavanna, Community leaders T.B. Chikkanna, Mahadevaswamy, Jayaram, Balu, Shankar, Guddappa, Shivanna, Bank Puttaswamy, Shivappa, Ravikumar, Prakash, Madegowda, Ahinda Shivaramu and members of Kannada and other organisations were present.

The meeting also paid homage to Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha President G. Krishna of Ballari who passed away recently.

'Fit India Campaign' by SWR Mysuru Division employees

Mysuru, Aug. 24- Cutting across age and gender barriers, a large contingent of employees and officers of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, led by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg, took part in the 'Fit India Freedom Run' which kicked off on Aug. 19 and will culminate on Oct.2.

On the first day of the campaign, over 120 employees began the run from Chamundi Railway Officers' Club in Yadavagiri and reached the Railway Sports Ground on KRS Road for a session of stretching exercises.

In the second day's event 'Cycling for Stamina,' as many as 150 employees volunteered to join the cyclothon from Chamundi Club and back via Metropole Circle, Kalamandira, Akashavani and Yadavagiri.

Adequate social distancing was ensured during these events organised pursuant to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) exhorting the members of the Railway fraternity to stay fit by taking simple steps like walking, running, cycling, etc., that suit their time.

Speaking on the opening day of the programme, DRM Aparna Garg stressed on the importance of making healthy choices and wanted everyone to pursue this with sincerity and passion. "This shouldn't be a day's affair but must be a part of everyone's life, rain or shine," she said.

She felt that being fit and healthy will build immunity and could probably offer greater protection against the deadly virus. Healthy citizens are an asset to the nation and as such it should be everyone's solemn pledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle, she added. Fit India campaign will go a long way in creating mass awareness. More and more people should join in this, she said.

A Wounded Healer

The experience of a COVID doctor

By Dr. Keerthana Rajkumar
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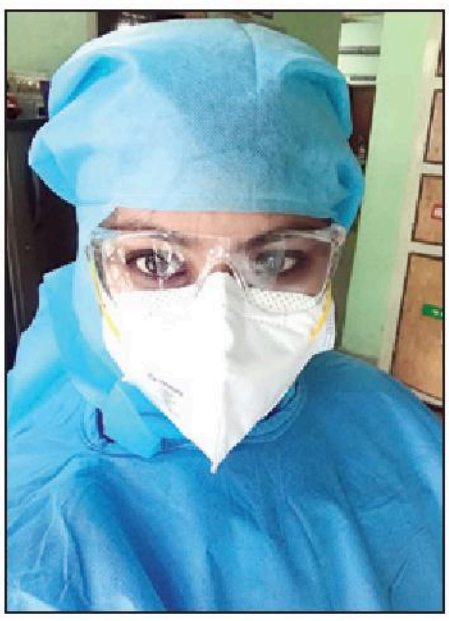

Dr. Keerthana Rajkumar

It was 2 pm on a hot and humid afternoon in Vellore. I was slightly late for my shift. Hustling through the hospital corridors, suddenly I felt uneasy. In my head I was going over the sequence in which I had to 'don' my PPE. My mother's voice in my head, 'be extra careful'.

What kind of patients would I have to manage? Will I do and say the right things? Can I be of any emotional support? Can I pray with the patients? What if there is an emergency and someone deteriorates?

Becoming a doctor was a dream I shared with my late grandfather. From the very beginning I knew I had chosen the right profession. I fit into the role with ease. I was usually confident in my approach to patients. Then what was this feeling of uncertainty today? Was I frightened of COVID-19? Or was it just an apprehension that I'd be on the frontline of the fight against this life-threatening disease that had literally stopped the world.

I quickly video-called my parents. I put on my brave face and smiled. Before my observant mother caught on to my nervousness I said I was late and goodbye and that I'd call after my shift.

An eerie silence welcomed me to the ward. I could see nurses hustling about in their PPE and wondered if they had taken a break. I walked towards the doctor I had to takeover from. She ran me through my duties for the shift and give me a brief update on each patient and told me to keep a watch specifically on everyone's oxygen saturation levels. I readied myself for war.

WARRIOR TO VICTIM

Fast forward to a few weeks later. I was getting ready to finish my stint at this hospital, I was looking forward to going back home, being in the company of loved ones and preparing for a wedding in the family.

Initially it was just a running nose. The next day I developed a slight fever. I knew I had to get tested.

A few hours and a positive test result later, hospital admission by midnight, I settled in to my room when realisation hit me. I was now a victim to this 'pink puchi' (pink insect) as my grandmother calls it!

The next 7 days in the hospital were not as bad as I expected them to be.

Physically I was doing well. The days in hospital gave me time to pause. To reflect. To look at the bigger picture. It's hard to grasp the enormity of what you're going through. In the end, I was inspired by something a loved one said, I think the advice to me would be, "Be brave, it's all in your mind. Make sure you become better from this and find a way to use your situation for good."

OUT OF THE WOODS — OR AM I REALLY?

On day 8, I was discharged from the hospital. I was told the worst is now over. I went to the comfort of my home, a sense of breaking free, knowing fully well that I had yet another 14 days in complete isolation. But at least I was home, in my own bed.

I was tired and fatigued. I tried to do simple household chores everyday. But even taking a shower was sometimes exhausting and ever so often, I had to stop in between a long conversation to catch my breath.

I enjoy food, I like everything about it. I love to cook, I like the smells and I like to try everything. We cousins joke that our family lives to eat! And oh, how I love the smell of freshly brewed coffee in the mornings! I woke up one day, and realised that I couldn't smell my coffee! I quickly ate something and realised I'd lost my sense of taste too. I also had completely lost my appetite.

The muscle aches are a completely different story. Just turning from side to side left me in excruciating pain that woke me up from sleep every single night. I used the small gaps in between to think about those in ICUs and lonely isolation wards. Fear of death and loneliness looms over these people and wards.

The physical toll is high but no one warns you about the mental and emotional roller coaster that you are about to embark on! Its not just a physical trial, it is an extremely volatile mental one. The fact that I have to come to terms with this tiny virus that is killing people all over the world and now it has made a home in my body. Through all these days, loneliness was the hardest part for me. Wanting to be brave, yet fear often engulfed me. I looked forward to calls and took comfort in my friends and family.

I was blessed with a strong support system of Appa and Mum, my family, cousins and my best friend of 25 years, Esha. They called me umpteen times a day just to make random conversation and make me smile.

Dear Usha aunty, my neighbour who I'd never met offering to feed me while I rested, I knew I was one of the lucky few.

I also drew my strength from prayer, "Just help me, help others through this."

I'm still unsure if this disease will have a last thing impact on my health. The terrifying uncertainty creates a psychological strain because I just don't know what is coming next. The symptoms change every day.

Even after the symptoms deteriorate, I realise that my body needs to regain its lost stamina after its long fight with the disease. I cannot tell you how amazing it feels each day to do one normal thing.

I realise that patience and a calm mind is the key. I must learn to listen to my body. I have to fight this disease, there is no cure yet.

A CHANGED PERSPECTIVE

I now see everything in new light. I realise that I'm alive when I could have lost my life like the millions of healthcare workers who fought on the frontline. The fight against this 'puchi' is far from over!

Yet I have been blessed with infinite opportunities to experience small moments of joy even in these worst times.

Walking in the sunshine.

The voice of a loved one after a long awaited phone call.

The absolute comfort of finally seeing your parents but the pain of not being able to hug them.

A simple home cooked meal and actually being able to finally taste it again.

The realisation that I am loved.

That there are good people in world that I have so much to learn from.

I now look forward to donating my plasma to help save the critically ill COVID-19 patients.

I've gained a new understanding of the anxiety and isolation that patients can face. I now am more aware of the impact my words can have on easing a patients concern and my words now will always be infused with the sense of gratitude for my survival.

My personal experience as a patient will fundamentally change the way I practice Medicine.

God has more in store for me and I have more to do in this life.

I am now a wounded healer.

KPSC exam at 52 centres in city

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The exam was conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 SOP which included compulsory wearing of face masks by candidates, thermal screening, use of hand sanitisers and maintenance of physical distancing in exam halls, where there was a gap of 2 mts between any two candidates.

Exclusive centre

Six candidates who had tested positive for COVID-19 during the course of the exam process, appeared for the exam at the exclusive centre at Mandakalli.

Among those who appeared included a couple of visually challenged candidates, who were given 20 minutes of extra time for each paper and a couple of wheel-chair-bound candidates, who were allotted the centres nearest to their place of residence.

The preliminary exam consisted of two papers (Objective type questions) of 200 marks each, with negative marking of 0.25 mark penalty for every incorrect answer. Paper-1 that comprised questions on General Studies and Humanities was held in the morning session (10 am to 12 noon), while Paper-2 comprising questions on General Studies related to State, Science & Technology and Environment & Ecology and General Mental Ability was held in the afternoon session (2 pm to 4 pm).

All candidates were required to be present at their respective exam centre at least half-an-hour before the commencement of the exam for meeting COVID-19 procedures before entry to the exam hall.

Tight Police security

The exam was held under tight Police security, with the City Police Commissioner issuing prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC in 200-metre radius around all the 52 exam centres from 6 am till 6 pm today, banning entry of unauthorised persons to the exam hall and carrying of objectionable articles.

Additional DC Manjunathaswamy, Section Officer at KPSC Mysuru Regional Office B.N. Shobha and other top district officials went around the exam centres.

Bus service

For the convenience of the candidates, the State-run KSRTC operated special buses from all the Taluk Headquarters to the respective District Headquarters to reach on time.

Those who qualify in this preliminary exam will become eligible for appearing in the Main exams, the dates of which is yet to be announced.

National Bird visits PM's house, enjoys hospitality

Prime Minister Narendra Modi feeding peacock at his 7, Lok Kalyan Marg residence in New Delhi yesterday.

New Delhi, Aug. 24- People knew well that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is health conscious and yoga savvy. But his love for nature came to the fore when a video grab of him feeding a peacock and peahen at his official residence on Kalyan Marg in Delhi went viral on Instagram recently.

Modi has shared this 1.47 minute video clipping with his 45 million followers on Instagram and it had been viewed by over a lakh people.

In the video, PM Modi is seen feeding the winged visitors at his official residence.

After eating from the platter, the National Bird opened its feathers before Modi much to the delight of everyone.

CWC meeting: Rahul Gandhi alludes to party dissenters colluding with BJP

New Delhi, Aug. 24 (Agencies)- Facing an internal crisis, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) began a virtual meeting this morning to discuss the issue of party leadership. Sonia Gandhi has said that she would step down from the party's leadership position, while the Jammu and Kashmir Congress has put its weight behind Rahul Gandhi to become the next President.

This comes after a letter written by 27 senior Congress leaders, and signed by the likes of Kapil Sibal and Shashi Tharoor among several others, sought reforms in the party.

Rahul Gandhi, during CWC meeting, said the letter (to Sonia Gandhi about party leadership) was written at a time when Congress Government in Rajasthan was facing a crisis, the right place to discuss what was written in the letter was CWC meeting and not the media. Rahul Gandhi said why the letter was sent at a time when Sonia Gandhi was admitted in the hospital.

A furious Rahul Gandhi intervened in the meeting after his mother Sonia Gandhi announced that she wanted to "be relieved of the post of party President". He also accused the signatories of the letter of working in cahoots with the ruling BJP. Rahul intervened shortly after former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh accused "dissenters" were colluding with the BJP.

In a sharp retort to Rahul Gandhi's words, senior party member Kapil Sibal tweeted: "Rahul Gandhi says we are colluding with BJP. Succeeded in Rajasthan High Court defending the Congress Party, defending party in Manipur to bring down BJP Govt... Last 30 years have never made a statement in favour of BJP on any issue. Yet we are colluding with the BJP."

'Nali-Kali' event for teachers

Mysuru, Aug 24- "Nali-Kali", a training programme for teachers of Government Higher Primary Schools will be held from Aug.25 to 29. According to a press release, training will be given to four teams of teachers with 20 in each team and it will be held at Government Higher Primary Schools in Nayakara Street, Bidagalu, Hommaragalli and Hampapura in H.D. Kote taluk.

Teachers have to make arrangements for food and drinking water. It is mandatory for participants to wear masks and use sanitizer.

K. Mahadevappa, Deputy Director, Department of Public Instruction, said that currently this programme was for teachers of Sargur and H.D. Kote taluks. However, it is left to BEOs and BRCs of other taluks and Mysuru city to hold similar programme depending on local condition.

PDO Association demands stay on ZP CEO transfer

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (DM)- Claiming that Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra (now transferred) was unnecessarily dragged into the Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer Dr. Nagendra's suicide case, Karnataka State Panchayat Development Officers (PDO) Welfare Association has urged the Government to stay the transfer order of the officer.

Association President M.D. Mayappa said that it is wrong to use abusive language against Prashanth Kumar Mishra, who has been honest in his work as Mysuru ZP CEO. Stating that the abusive and foul language being used against Mishra has upset hundreds of GP employees who are working under him, Mayappa said that it was unfair to blame Mishra alone.

Asserting that the Association was not opposed to taking action against all those responsible for the death of the doctor, Mayappa wanted the Government to put Prashanth Kumar Mishra's transfer on hold at least until the probe report is submitted.

Association members this morning presented a memorandum to Mysuru Regional Commissioner J.C. Prakash at his office on Hunsur Road.

Power disruption

Mysuru, Aug. 24- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

University Campus, Vagdhevinagar, University Quarters, Speech and Hearing, RIE and surrounding areas.

Miscreants attempt to rob motorist at N.R. Mohalla

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (RK&KS)- A group of miscreants have attempted to rob a motorist and have inflicted injuries on the victim's head on Shivaji Road at N.R. Mohalla early this morning.

The injured is 26-year-old Puneeth, an employee of a private firm and a resident of N.R. Mohalla in city. According to victim Puneeth, he (Puneeth) was proceeding on Shivaji Road on his two-wheeler to reach his home in the early hours of this morning, when a group of miscreants stopped him and tried to snatch his gold chain but in vain. They later hit him on the head with a dagger causing injuries and fled from the spot, he added.

Injured Puneeth

Puneeth, has lodged a complaint at N.R. Police Station and the Police, who have registered a case, have admitted Puneeth to K.R. Hospital. Meanwhile, N.R. Police, led by Inspector Shekar, who are investigating the case, are collecting the CCTV footages of cameras installed on the road and have launched a hunt to nab the miscreants.

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Number energies

You could place the Chinese "Fu Dogs" (lion faced dogs) facing outwards close to the main door entrance as they are the mythical creatures to control the bad energy flowing in and around the home.

In the science of metaphysics, it is said that the energy of numbers, as the energy of everything else in your life, always helps in understanding your own development and growth and gives you good feedback if you are willing to listen. However, the best way to understand the pure energy of numbers is to look into numerology, which is the ancient study of the energy of numbers. Once you explore several good numerology resources, you will start seeing similarities between them and understand more about the energy of any specific number, or a combination of numbers.

Chinese metaphysics explains the significance of numbers and it says that each number has its individual meaning, strength and power. Based on this, we have the Chinese numerology which shows relationship between numbers and life.

Whether the number is lucky or not depends on many factors. However, the easiest method to determine is to check whether the numbers are odd or even. Even numbers are associated with Yang energy (positive) whereas odd numbers are associated with the Yin energy (negative or weak).

The numbers 1, 6, and 8 are said to be the most favourable numbers according to Feng Shui principles. On the other hand, the most unfavourable numbers are 2 and 5. However, no decision on buying a property can be based solely on the building number, one needs to examine other important elements of Feng Shui, including location and the surrounding area before deciding.

When you notice a particular number repeating frequently in your life, you are correct to think that, that number holds some sort of significance for you. So it is a good idea to be subconsciously aware of the numbers that keep popping up in your life.

Door numbers and building numbers are considered to play a significant role in the quality of Chi energy swirling around the premises and your home. Numbers are an integral part of Feng Shui, with each direction having its own corresponding digit. They have a significance in terms of energy and vitality of a building too. Numbers can be utilised to help create better luck and by placing certain Feng Shui objects based on the five elements theory in the correct number in the correct direction, you can energise and empower them to mitigate bad energy.

You could begin by primarily looking at the following things:

• Keep the porch area clean and lush green plants can counteract inauspicious numbers.

• Use of moving water like fountains or even birth baths can help absorb and deflect bad energy.

• You could place the Chinese "Fu Dogs" (lion faced dogs) facing outwards close to the main door entrance as they are the mythical creatures to control the bad energy flowing in and around the home.

The reality we need to consider and not get too worried about building numbers is that as we cannot change the numbers we need not have to dwell on them too much as it can trigger off negative vibes through our thoughts and enhance negativity and not counter it.

Each number has what we consider both good and bad qualities. Be aware of the energy of each number and how they affect your life.

There are so many influences on our lives that we can't see, hear or touch.

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Ganesha Fest: Devotees offer special pujas at temples

Special puja was offered at 101 Ganapati Temple in Agrahara on Saturday as part of Ganesha Festival.

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (MTY& BNR)- Like every year, this year too Ganesha Festival was celebrated by installing Ganesha idols at houses and public places and also by offering special pujas at Temples across the city on Saturday last. Amidst COVID fear, festival was celebrated in a simple manner by following the COVID guidelines issued by the Government.

All these years, Ganesha idols were purchased and taken home in procession along with Nagari, Dolu, folk troupes and DJ sounds; But this year, due to COVID restrictions, procession was banned. Youth troupes, who installed Ganesha idols in their area streets, offered prayers and celebrated the Fest. Also, few others installed idols at their respective houses and offered pujas.

Pujas at Temples: Special puja was offered at 101 Ganapati Temple in Agrahara on Saturday as part of the Festival.

Special pujas were also performed at Ganapati Temple near K.R. Police Station, Panchamukhi Temple near Private Bus Stand, T.K. Layout, Siddarthanagar, Paduvarahalli, Bogadi 2nd Stage, Ramakrishnanagar, Sharadadevinagar and Vivekananda Circle Ganapati Temple.

Temples closed: Devotees were banned at Muzrai temples including Vinayaka Temple at Palace North Gate which otherwise saw large number of devotees throughout the festive days.

There was also practice of offering puja at the Palace temple before taking Ganesha idols home for installation.

'Ganapati' creates awareness

On the occasion of Ganesha Festival, Parisara Snehi group Convenor Jeevan, a resident of Siddarthanagar, in a disguise of Lord Ganesha, distributed masks to public at Agrahara Circle and created awareness on wearing masks to contain the spread of pandemic. Picture above shows Lakshmipuram Traffic Police making 'Ganapati' wear a mask during the awareness programme.

We need to bridge trust deficit between society, institutions, Government

Kirloskar Systems CMD Vikram Kirloskar airs concerns at Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (BCT)- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Kirloskar Systems Vikram Kirloskar regretted that over the years, respect and mutual trust among the society, institutions and the Government have eroded and there is an urgent need to address this trust deficit. "We must work together to narrow the trust deficit," he said.

Vikram Kirloskar was speaking at a virtual session *'Times in the New Age'* held as part of Mysuru Literature Festival-2020, hosted by Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs – 2015, on the fourth day last evening. The session was moderated by writer Aroon Raman. Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs was present.

Vikram Kirloskar, who also serves on the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), said that the trust deficit was a result of large-scale scams and voluminous Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in the banking sector that have accumulated over the years of inaction.

"Trust deficit we have talked about again. For people who don't follow the law, be very strict and close those issues. But generally most people are following the law. Do not unnecessarily criminalise people who follow the law. People who are running legitimate business should not be hampered by all kinds of laws which make it difficult to run the business," he opined.

Shubha Sanjay Urs, Vikram Kirloskar and Aroon Raman at virtual session.

More competitive

Industry should run in a transparent way and we also request the Government to run in a transparent manner. That's the only way you can build trust and that cannot happen overnight. "As industrialists, we have to respect law. Even in delivering products and services, we need to be more competitive and focus on cost, quality and environment. People are looking for more competitive product which is more cost-effective," Vikram Kirloskar said.

Delving on the issues plaguing the industry, he said that nowadays people do not have the respect for skills. "In Japan, the person who makes pots or a potter is given the same respect as the boss of a company. I feel we are not spending enough time on humanities — in learning arts, crafts, literature, history and geography. We must understand our culture and see it as part of our lives," he opined.

Protect skills and cut expenses

Airing his views on the questions posed by entrepreneur and author Aroon Raman, Vikram Kirloskar said that owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the country and the industry was looking at pre-vaccine and post-vaccine strategies. "Now most of the major projects are on hold and our challenge is to protect skills and to cut expenses. The call for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat must be seen as an effort to look inwards where we move forward to protect our indigenous companies and products and not focus on becoming a global leader. We have to become self-reliant and I would add that the Indian economy has become stable due to the advancements in agriculture. The time is to focus on creating more jobs and boost research and development," he said.

Minimal Government regulation

Vikram Kirloskar said that India cannot afford to be pessimistic now. "We cannot be pessimistic, we have to be optimistic in the sense the India story is still good, we still have a large domestic market which a lot of countries don't have. We do have skill and the economic condition of our country is not that bad compared to a lot of countries. We have to respect the skills and look at a way to move forward. We must encourage innovation and look at other alternatives — say like looking at electric cars, bio fuels and replicate China or Japan that are looking at hydrogen as an alternative fuel," he said.

Dwelling on the future of economy, he said that for a better future, the country needs minimal Government regulation and an open economy. "States like Karnataka are doing much related to lands and labour to create a favourable climate for industries and this is a positive step," Vikram Kirloskar said.

Last evening's second session** 'The Dialects of Oil and Rain' **was between Deepak Unnikrishnan from Abu Dhabi, Krupa Ge from Chennai and Mona from Kareem Princeton University in the USA.

India will get COVID-19 vaccine by year-end: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Harsh Vardhan

New Delhi, Aug. 24- Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has said that if everything goes well, India would get a vaccine against the Novel Coronavirus by the end of this year. Three COVID-19 vaccine candidates, including two indigenous ones, are in different phases of development in India.

Phase-one human clinical trials of the two indigenous COVID-19 vaccine candidates, one developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) and the other by Zydus Cadila Ltd, have been completed and the trials have moved to phase-two, ICMR Director General Dr. Balram Bhargava said recently.

The Serum Institute of India, which has partnered with AstraZeneca for manufacturing the COVID-19 vaccine candidate developed by the University of Oxford, has been permitted for conducting its phase two and three human clinical trials in India. It is likely to start the trials next week.

In a tweet in Hindi, Vardhan said, "I hope that if everything goes well, India will get a Coronavirus vaccine by the end of this year."

Serum Institute clarifies

Meanwhile, Serum Institute of India (SSI), which has entered a manufacturing partnership with AstraZeneca to produce Oxford University's COVID-19 vaccine candidate, has issued a clarification, denying reports that the shot may be launched in 73 days as "completely false and conjectural."

The Pune-based company's clarification said that the Government has granted it permission to only manufacture Covishield and stockpile it for future use. It has also said that Covishield will be commercialised once trials are proven successful and requisite regulatory approvals are in place.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	51
Total positive cases	:	4,144
Total discharges	:	2,561
Total deaths	:	44
Total active cases	:	1,539

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	23
Total positive cases	:	2,046
Total discharges	:	1,503
Total deaths	:	27
Total active cases	:	508

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	15
Total positive cases	:	1,181
Total discharges	:	887
Total deaths	:	16
Total active cases	:	278

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	196
Total positive cases	:	5,992
Total discharges	:	3,932
Total deaths	:	152
Total active cases	:	1,908

WORD OF THE DAY

Dulcet

Pronunciation: DUL-sut.
Meaning: Sweet to the taste; pleasing to the ear; generally pleasing or agreeable.
Origin: Dulcet has many linguistic ancestors, including the Latin dulcis, Anglo-French douz, and Middle English doucet—all meaning "sweet." The dulcet dulcis has contributed many sweet terms to English. Among these are the musical direction dolce ("to be played sweetly, softly"), Dulciana (a type of pipe organ stop made up of flue pipes), dolcian (a small bassoon-like instrument used in the 16th and 17th centuries), and dulcimer (an American folk instrument). On a similar note, the word dulcify means "to make sweet," and the adjective doux, derived from Old French douz, is used in wine circles to describe champagne that is sweet.
Example: James Blake has long been one of our favorite live performers, bringing his gentle, dulcet tenor and aching emotion to each and every concert." — Patrick Ryan

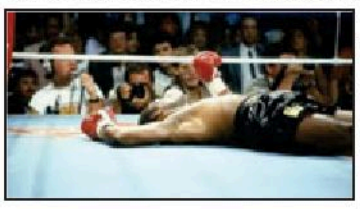
THE ODD WORD

Damnification

Causation of injury or loss.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Down and out



Meaning: Someone who is unable to perform normal functions because of a serious injury or because they are very sick. A term used in boxing; it refers to a boxer who has been knocked out.
Origin: The phrase 'down and out' is believed to come from boxing. Here's why: In boxing, two boxers who are ready to fight enter the ring. There are several timed rounds, and during each of them, the boxers fight one another, trying to punch their opponent in an attempt to knock them out. Fists are flying fast in the ring, and if a boxer gets hit hard enough on the head, he can lose his balance and be knocked down to the ground, or even knocked unconscious. If the latter happens, the boxer can be described as being down and out, because he's down on the floor, and he's out (as in unconscious). So it looks like this phrase started as a boxing term, and then later went on to become an idiom.
This expression has been used in boxing since at least the late 19th century. For instance, it's printed in The Referee newspaper from 1899:
"A short right arm swing on the neck administered by Rufe Turner sent 'Cocker' Tweedie, of Australia, down and out in the eigth round of what was to have been a twenty-round fight at the Avon Theatre, under the auspices of the Stockton Atheltic Association this evening."

QUOTE BOX

It is curious how people take it for granted that they have a right to preach at you and pray over you as soon as your income falls below a certain level. **— George Orwell**

RIDDLE THIS

What has a head and a tail but no body?

Answer: A coin.

SUDOKU

						5	3	
7				1				6
3		8	9					
	2			5		6		7
			8		3			
1		7		9			5	
					6	4		2
6				8				5
	1	2						

Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	2	7	8	4	6	3	5
7	4	3	1	5	6	8	9	2
5	8	6	2	9	3	7	1	4
8	5	1	3	4	2	9	7	6
4	2	7	6	1	9	5	8	3
6	3	9	5	7	8	2	4	1
3	1	8	9	2	5	4	6	7
2	6	4	8	3	7	1	5	9
9	7	5	4	6	1	3	2	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Mongolian desert or Indian vegetable?
5 Peruse
9 Lincoln moniker
12 Implement used to smooth out cloths
13 English composer
14 Crazy person
15 East European
16 Faults or weaknesses
18 Despotic or cruel rulers
20 Tech. Std. Order
21 French article
22 RK's __ Shivam Sundaram
25 Sever
28 Ex-Opening batsman Shiv Sunder __
29 Creeper
30 ___ a bet : deposited as a wager?
31 Cover for a saucepan
32 Soon, by and by - for the poet
33 Cause annoyance
34 A small lump of coal
35 ___ Carta : charter of English rights and liberties signed by King John at Runnymede?
36 Put before?
38 Impair or damage
39 "Ant" moved to get a pet name for a boy?
40 Immature frog
44 Burn the midnight oil
47 Got a perfect score?
48 "H" in "HMV"
49 ___ fixe : an obsession ?
50 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
51 More: Sp.
52 Golf gadgets
53 ___ avis : the rare mythical bird?

DOWN

1 The ___ of the matter : the main point contained there in?
2 Paris airport
3 A wild pig
4 Legally ineffectual
5 Floating log structures
6 Eons or epochs
7 A type or breed of cuckoo
8 Greek letters
9 Irking or pestering
10 Annoy or pester
11 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.
17 Believer: suffix
19 Less expenses
22 Song of love is a ___ song....?
23 River of Shakespeare's Stratford
24 Talkative bird
25 Docking place
26 A young salmon
27 Image or similarity
28 Drop bait lightly
31 Unit of illumination
32 Guru Dutt's 1954 production (3,4)
34 A stupid person
35 Mentally deranged
37 At a great distance
38 ___ off : departs hastily?
40 Oak for example
41 Eight as a prefix
42 Ogle or stare at
43 Girl's name
44 Unit of electrical resistance
45 By way of
46 Poetic homage

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	M	A	R	■	J	A	W	■	D	E	L	L
G	O	D	A	V	A	R	I	■	E	P	I	C
R	Y	O	T	■	R	A	R	E	F	I	E	D
E	A	S	E	S	■	B	Y	T	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	L	A	P	S	■	A	N	G	L	E
■	L	A	S	S	O	■	S	■	D	I	E	D
N	I	L	■	H	E	R	T	Z	■	R	S	T
C	A	L	M	■	M	■	E	E	R	I	E	■
B	R	I	A	R	■	A	P	S	O	■	■	■
■	■	■	K	I	E	V	■	T	O	O	L	S
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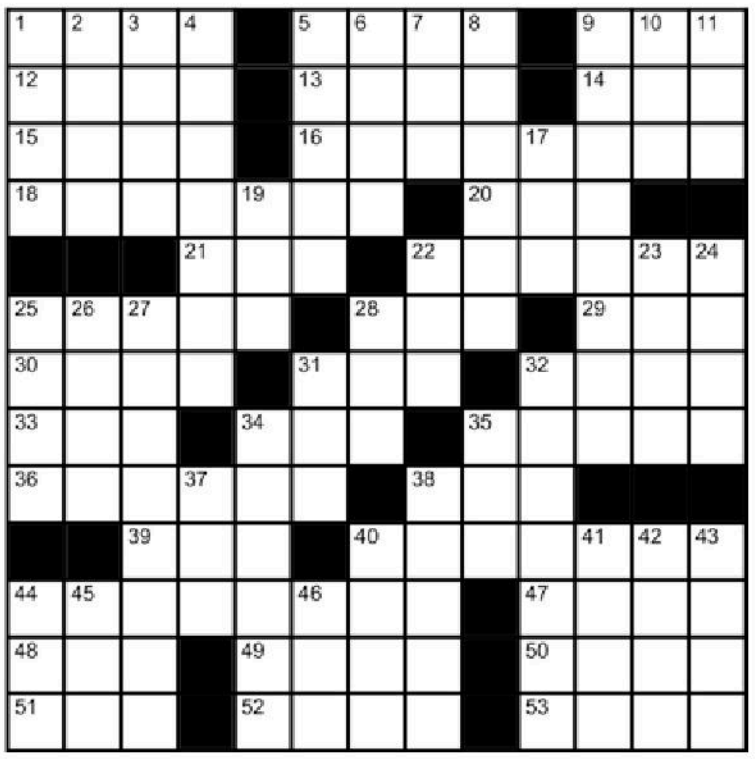

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WUXTQZH MJYMAJ QZDBJILAZBD, BEA DIJHAYZ EUC

BY JADAXB U VYFAW IDQZH MWILVAJ'D BYYWD

- QB FUD U HIB-FJAZXEQZH AOMAJQAZXA.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only thing worse than a man you can't control is a man you can.

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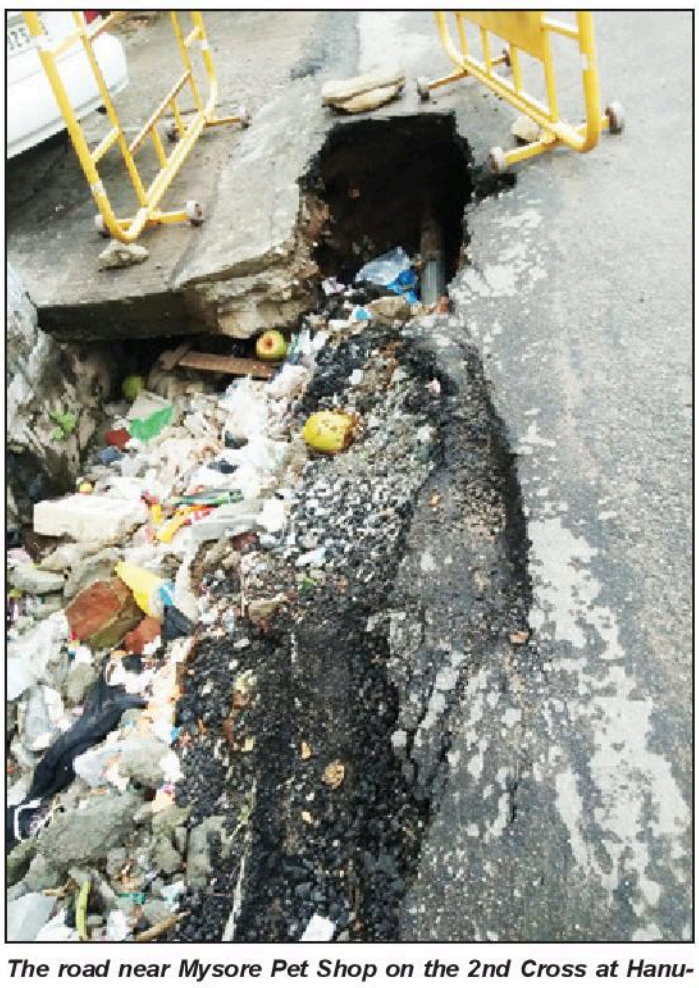
Pathetic condition of toilets at Mini Vidhana Soudha

The toilets at Mini Vidhana Soudha is not maintained and is in a pathetic state. Mini Vidhana Soudha houses various Government Offices where hundreds of public visit daily to get their works done. The public have urged the authorities concerned to get the toilets cleaned and maintain them regularly for the benefit of the public.

Plea to repair damaged road at Bannimantap 2nd Stage



The road near Mysore Pet Shop on the 2nd Cross at Hanumanthanagar in Bannimantap 2nd Stage is damaged and is in the verge of caving-in, allege residents who said that the road is in the same condition since about six months though several requests were made to the authorities concerned to repair the same. The residents have urged the officials concerned to take steps to get the road repaired at the earliest.

Press photographers distribute masks on World Photography Day

MLA L. Nagendra and Lokayukta SP P.V. Sneha distributing face masks on behalf of city press photographers to Police personnel near Dufferin Clock Tower on Aug. 19, on the occasion of World Photography Day as press photographers Pragathi Gopalakrishna, Udayshankar, Anurag Basavaraj and others look on.

Plea to open Kukkarahalli Lake for walkers

Mysuru, Aug. 24 (KS)- Corporator V. Lokesh Piya has urged for opening Kukkarahalli Lake for walkers and has submitted a memorandum in this regard to Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Lokesh said that the COVID-induced lockdown regulations have been relaxed and even parks and gym equipment in the parks are being utilised and urged for opening the lake for walkers by taking all necessary precautionary measures.

Grocery kits distribution marks Independence Day

Mysuru, Aug. 24- New team of Mysore Heritage Round Table (MHRT) took over from July and as part of its community service, joint project by Mysore Heritage Ladies Circle (MHLC) and MHRT 109, on the occasion of 74th Independence Day distributed 100 grocery kits (worth Rs. 50,000) to general public. Many more projects are in pipeline for coming year under the leadership of Chairman Tr. Rohan and Chairperson Cr. Mani. Area Chairman Dr. Ravi, Area Chairperson Dr. Priyanka and AST Tr. Ram attended the event.

Tr. Deepak (Secretary, MHRT), Tr. Kumar Pal (VC of MHRT), Cr. Komal (Secretary of MHLC 109), Cr. Sangeetha (Treasurer of MHLC 109) and Tr. Dinesh (Chairman 256) were present on the occasion.

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